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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Michael D. DAN et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: ANTIGEN BINDING FRAGMENTS  
THAT SPECIFICALLY DETECT  
CANCER CELLS, NUCLEOTIDES  
ENCODING THE FRAGMENTS, AND  
USE THEREOF FOR THE  
PROPHYLASIX AND DETECTION OF  
CANCERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application is being filed herewith under 35 U.S.C. §371.

Applicants wish to enter the following preliminary amendments to incorporate cross-reference to related applications and to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and reduce the overall claim number prior to calculation of the fees.